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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: 'Privileged or Personal Ma'; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Thu Jul 17 22:31:37 2008

Subject: Schedule

Pls note on sched: KTVA interview 9:30pm tonight.

And tomorrow morning I'll do KWHL.

From:

Mason, Janice L (GOV) [janice.mason@alaska.gov]

Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:37 PM Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: Cc:

Privileged or Person: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV) Re: Schedule

Subject:

Thank you - I will get this right on your calendar. Janice

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From:

Sent:

Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:32 PM
Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Privileged or Personal Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Schedule To: Cc:

Subject:

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From:

Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov] Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:05 PM

Sent:

To:

Subject:

fek9wnr@yahoo.com Fw: PR 08-122 Governor Palln Releases Statement 071708

Attachments:

Image001.jpg; PR 08-122 Governor Palin Releases Statement 071708.doc





image001.jpg (20 KB)

Sovernor Palin Rele..

---- Original Message ----

From: Burkert, Erin (GOV sponsored) <erin.burkert@alaska.gov>

To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Cc: Burkert, Erin (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Thu Jul 17 19:10:15 2008

Subject: PR 08-122 Governor Palin Releases Statement 071708

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE No. 08-122

Governor Palin Releases Stetement

July 17, 2008, Anchorags, Alaska — Governor Sarah Palin today released the following stetement regarding ellegations that she acted improperly.

"As governor, I expect s certain amount of criticism. When I took the oath of office, I even encouraged Alaskans to ask me questions, to hold me accountable. But some critics have taken this to ridiculous extremes that threaten to distract from the vital business currently fscing the state and its residents.

"To allege that I, or sny member of my family, requested, received or released confidential personnel information on an Alaska State Trooper, or directed disciplinary action be taken against any employee of the Department of Public Safety, is, quite simply, outrsgeous. Any information regarding personnel records came from the troopsr himself. I question the timing of these false allegations. It is unfortunate, as we seek to address a growing energy crisis in this state, that this matter has been raised now.

"I do not interfere with the day-to-day operations of any department. Former Commissioner Monsgan was not released due to any actions or inaction related to personnel issues in his department. We had hoped the former commissioner would have stayed in state service to help fight alcohol-related crime. We offered him the position of executive director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control board and, unfortunately, he turned it down.

"I have and will continus to support our line troopers. They have my utmost respect. Since taking office, I have proposed to the legislature millions of dollars in budget increases for more troopers, equipment and training. My administration just completed contract negotiations providing increased wages and other benefits.

"Nothing will distract me from improving public safety. Commissioner Kopp shares my

vision for filling vacant positions and reducing crime across the state.

"The Department of Public Safety is a professional organization. We have good men and women protecting our families. Troopers are our first line of defense and will always have my full support."

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From:

Sent:

To:

Cc:

gov.sarah@yahoo.com Thursday, July 17, 2008 9:59 PM Frank Bailey; Ruaro; Randall P (GOV) Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Ivy personal; Nizich; Michael A (GOV) Troopers

Subject:

How many vacant trooper positions remain, still 50?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

From: Sent: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2008 9:42 PM

To: Subject: Cockrell; Robert A (GOV)
Re: Moming meeting

Gotcha.

By the way, we just looked into my sister's divorce court records—it's confirmed there that neither the Palin or Heath family ever filed even a single complaint against Trooper Wooten. And that it was four days ago that Wooten refused to return kids over after a visitation, his sargeant had to call him to tell him to obey the court order, so he returned the kids with this threat: "Get ready for the show. I will bring you and your family down". Then, four days later he riles up the union and they hold the press conference. (Which is proof that Walt's dismissal had nothing to do with Trooper Wooten. Wooten orchestrated all this today.)

----Original Message-----

From: Bob Cockrell

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Jul 17, 2008 9:24 PM

Subject: Re: Morning meeting

Sounds good to me, I get up at 5:30,

Will wait for your e-mail, thanks.

---- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Cockrell, Robert A (GOV)

Sent: Thu Jul 17 21:16:53 2008

Subject: Re: Morning meeting

If I can sneak away from Trig at that time... how about I email you as early as possible tomorrow, before I'd leave for Anchorage?

----Original Message-----

From: Bob Cockrell

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Jul 17, 2008 9:12 PM

Subject: Morning meeting

Governor are you going to 7:30am

Meeting? thanks Bob.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From:

gov.palin@yahoo.com

Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2008 9:27 PM

To:

Frank Bailey; K Perry Yahoo; Todd; Ivy personal; Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Nizich; Michael

A (GOV)

Cc: Subject: Kel personal Re: Wooten

Proof that today's PSEA/Wooten presser had nothing to do with Walt's dismissal: on Sunday, Wooten refused to follow court order to hand the kids over to Molly after his visitation. One of Wooten's sergeants_had to call him and tell him he must obey the court order. He handed over the kids and promised Molly, "Get ready for a show. I'm going to bring you and your family down". From there he riled up the union and then had the press conf. I just found this out tonight.

----Original Message-----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 04:37:21

To: Frank Bailey<ftb907@yahoo.com>; K Perry Yahoo<krisandclark@yahoo.com>; Todd<fek9wnr@yahoo.com>; Ivy personal<ivyfrye@yahoo.com>; Sharon LeighowLeighow@alaska.gov; M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

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From:

Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE

GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW

Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2008 9:07 PM

To:

'gov.palin@yahoo.com'

Subject:

Re: Wooten

Please call Matt Simon at 274 1111. He is expecting your call.

---- Original Message ----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Thu Jul 17 21:02:49 2008

Subject: Re: Wooten

Guess so

----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Leighow

To: Sarah's Personal Email

Sent: Jul 17, 2008 8:59 PM

Subject: Re: Wooten

Governor-

Do you want to do a phoner with channel 11 tonight?

---- Original Message -----

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To: Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>; K Perry Yahoo <krisandclark@yahoo.com>; Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>; Ivy personal <ivyfrye@yahoo.com>; Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Sent: Thu Jul 17 20:37:21 2008

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Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: To: Thursday, July 17, 2008 1:53 PM rnpk@acumenhealthcare.com

Subject:

RÉ: Energy

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, end/or information you have sent are important and veluable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

----Original Message----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 12:04 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Energy

Web mail from: Mr. Michael

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 6:47 AM

To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)

Subject: Re: Troopers

Thank you

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 06:28:59 -0800

To: ExternalEmailgsp<gov.sarah@yahoo.com> CC: Frye, Ivy J (GOV)<ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Troopers

Governor:

On July 3rd, 2008, the OMB analyst sent me an e-mail stating that there were 395 trooper positions authorized in the budget. (284 troopers, 10 corporals, 85 sergeants, 23 lieutenants, 10 captains and 3 majors).

As of June 30, 2008, the payroll system showed 58 of these positions as vacant. (49 trooper positions, 2 corporal positions, 1 sergeant, 3 lieutenants, and 1 captain)

The OMB analyst noted the numbers would change if there were new hires or retirements that had not had their paperwork processed yet through Personnel.

Randy

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thu 7/17/2008 9:59 PM

To: Frank Bailey; Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Ivy personal; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Troopers

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From:

Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2008 1:45 PM

To:

gretadog6@gmail.com

Subject:

RE: Other

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----Original Message----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 2:26 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Melanie Orr

address: 400 S. Josee Circle Wasilla AK 99654

907-351-8873

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Thank you for working so hard for Alaska. I can't imagine how tough your job must be and how hard you must work for your state. You must have a wonderfully dedicated staff as well. It is an honor to live in this beautiful place and to have such a tirelese advocate such as yourself to represent us. I hope you receive many thanks from Alaskans every day. Keep up the good work and thanks again for all your contributions to this amazing state. God Bless you, Governor Palin.

gretadog6@gmail.com

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com

Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 9:47 PM

To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Re: Wooten

Did it.

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" < sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

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From:

Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2008 3:58 PM

To:

Smith; Lynne M (GOV)

Subject:

FW: New NCOiLetter Now Available

Importance: High

From: Candace Thorson [mailto:CThorson@noian-associates.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 2:38 PM Subject: New NCOILetter Now Available

Importance: High

NCOILETTER Now Available

The July edition of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators' (NCOIL) monthly newsletter, the NCOILetter, is now available by clicking on www.ncoil.org.

Articles in this month's edition include:

- NCOIL Marshalls State Officials Against Preemptive Federal Insurence Bill
- Bond-Rating Bill Would Level Playing Field, Open Door for New Regulation
- Point-Counterpoint on H.R. 5840: the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents (PIA) and the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI)
- Physician Medicare Relmbursements on Life Support
- View from the Hill: States Should Watch for "OFC-Lite"

Please contact the NCOIL National Office at 518-687-0178 should you have any questions.

NCOIL is an organization of state legislators whose mein area of public policy concern is insurance legislation and regulation. Many legislators active in NCOIL aither chair or are members of the committees responsible for insurance legislation in their respective state houses across the country.

From:

Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: To: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:32 AM miktolva@cosmichamlet.net

Subject:

RE: Other

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----Original Message----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 10:58 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Mimi Tolva

address: Box 2117 Homer AK 99603

MESSAGE:

Hi, Governor;

I just want to let you know that I think you are doing a wonderful job. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the complicated issues we are facing as a state, and as a nation. Keep up the good work! Mimi Tolva

miktolva@cosmichamlet.net

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From:

Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE

GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RHUGHES]

Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2008 7:54 AM

To: Subject: Katz; John W (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Fw: Committee List release

---- Original Message -----

From: Omeer, Jodi < JOmear@NGA.ORG>

To: Omear, Jodi <JOmear@NGA.ORG>; Rohanna, Douglas <drohanna@state.pa.us>; Jeanine
L'Ecuyer <JLecuyer@az.gov>; Gibbs, Jason <Jason.Gibbs@state.vt.us>; Teilhet, Heather
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Elizabeth Boyd <BoydE@michigan.gov>; christopher.cooper@ct.gov
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<mary.leschper@gov.state.ak.ue>; Elliott, Sarah <selliott@mt.gov>

Sent: Thu Jul 17 06:37:39 2008

Subject: RE: Committee List release

And it would have helped to give you a copy of that release. Enjoy.

Jodi Omear

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From: Omear, Jodi

Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:27 AM

To: 'Rohanna, Douglas'; 'Jeanine L'Ecuyer'; Gibbs, Jason; 'Teilhet, Heather'; 'Corcoran, Nicole [GO]'; 'Bundy, Seth [GO]'; 'Brian McClung'; 'Sherri Johnson'; 'dcanton@nd.gov'; 'Lisa Roskelley'; 'deborah.howlett@gov.state.nj.us'; Mitch.Krebs@state.sd.us; 'jennifer.hein@nebraska.gov'; 'Skinner, Delacey'; Elizabeth Boyd; 'christopher.cooper@ct.gov'; 'rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov'; 'mary.leschper@gov.state.ak.us'; 'Elliott, Sarah'

Cc: Peyser@BlankRome.com; martin-c@blankrome.com; 'Brian de Vallance'; 'bswann@gov.state.ga.us'; 'Jason Rohloff'; 'Jim McCleskey'; 'kristacarman@mac.com'; 'Clyde Henderson'; 'alfonso.lopez@governor.virginia.gov'; Genna Gent; 'Williams, Julie'; 'bshanks@alaskadc.org'; 'adam.nordstrom@cch-llc.com'; nashdown@utah.gov; Jim.Soyer@state.sd.us; 'lhill@pro.state.ne.us'; 'brnelson@mt.gov'; 'rspendlove@utah.gov'; Salo, Matt; Nellenbach, Michele; Wodiska, Joan; Parkhurst, David; Quam, David

Subject: Committee List release

All -

I wanted to give everyone a head's up that NGA plans to issue a release announcing the new

committee leadersh	ip today	at 2 p.n	a. EDT.	Your	governor'	s r	ame	is	listed	so	it	is
possible you may g	et press	calls or	this.									

Please feel free to let David Quam or me know if you have any questions.

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Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2008 7:52 AM

To:

'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject:

Re: Governor Palin/NGA Committee Chalr

Will do, Governor.

---- Original Message ----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)

Sent: Thu Jul 17 07:46:45 2008

Subject: Fw: Governor Palin/NGA Committee Chair

R- can the bio be updated to reflect this chairmanship? Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 11:18:51 -0400

To: Kris Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Sharon W (GOV) Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

CC: Mike Nizich<Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>; Sarah Palin<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Governor Palin/NGA Committee Chair

I haven't seen a press release from NGA, but = the attached list of Committees states that Governor Palin is Chair of the = Natural Resources Committee.

I'm thinking that, with all of the members of = Congress coming to Alaska, a press release concerning the Governor's = appointment might be a good stroke. So, you or Sharon might want to = coordinate this with NGA's press office.

John W. = Katz

Director of = State/Federal Relations
and Special = Counsel to the Governor
=jwkatz@alaskadc.org
(202)624-5858<= /FONT>

>>> On 7/17/2008 at 10:34 AM, in message = <LYRIS-697-136491-2008.07.17-10.37.33--jwkatz#alaskadc.org@talk.nga.org@= gt;, "Moore, Tess" <TMoore@NGA.ORG> wrote:

Please find attached the 2008-2009 Committee = List.

Let me know if you have any questions.

DO NOT REPLY DIRECTLY TO THIS E-MAIL AS IT WAS SENT - VIA A LIST SERVE.

You are currently = subscribed to [reps] as jwkatz@alaskadc.org.

To unsubscribe, send a = blank email to leave-136491-697I@talk.nga.org.

From:

Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov] Thursday, July 17, 2008 6:27 AM

Sent:

To:

Katz; John W (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Cc:

Tillery; Craig J (LAW); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Banks; Kevin R (DNR); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW);

Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)

Subject:

Re: House Democrats/Energy Bill

Got it thanks so much. This should be helpful as we go into that press conf today w Congressional challengers.

---- Original Measage -----

From: John Katz <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Banks, Kevin R (DNR); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)

Sent: Thu Jul 17 05:58:12 2008

Subject: House Democrats/Energy Bill

Recognizing that you will soon be meeting with a number of House Republicans and Republican challengers, I have briefly analyzed below the latest energy proposal by House Democrats.

This legislation, which was not available until this morning, will be voted on today in the House on the suspension calendar. The suspension calendar requires a 2/3rds vote for passage, and no amendments are allowed. So, the Republican energy package, which includes ANWR, will not be considered.

There is virtually no chance that the Democrats' proposal will become law. However, because Alaska is prominently featured, and because there will be much rhetoric and press coverage, I have reviewed the bill, which is attached.

- NPR-A-leasing and pipeline construction seeks to expedite leasing and the construction of necessary pipelines. There appears to be nothing new here. The BLM is proceeding expeditiously with a leasing program, and I'm sure that pipeline construction will be expedited as necessary.
- Alaske gas pipeline coordination makes the President responsible for coordinating pipeline activities. The federal pipeline coordinator is vested with most of these responsibilities in the 2005 legislation. Bringing in the President and expanding somewhat on the scope of coordination might help marginally but is not much of a substantive change.
- Project labor Agreements this section would require project labor agreements for

the gas pipeline and makes mandatory earlier sense of Congress language enacted in 2005. In my opinion, the new language adds little, as almost everyone has expected project labor agreements. However, producers and pipeline companies might feel that a mandatory requirement biases future PLA negotietions.

- * Pipeline meintenance requires that the operators of oil and gas pipelines in Alaska certify annually that their pipelines are being maintained and operated in a efficient manner. In my opinion, this doesn't edd much to existing law.
- * Oil export ban would reimpose the ban on exporting Alaska oil. This would accomplish little, as there have been no Alaska exports, we're told, since 2000. This would appear to be a slap at Alaska sovereignty since other states are not so encumbered, and limited amounts of crude oil and refined products are exported now.
- * Use it or Loose it/federal leeseholders would penalize leaseholders who are not acting diligently to produce oil and gas from their leases. This would appear to edd very little to the due diligence and production requirements of existing law and arguably does not recognize the realities of how hydrocarbons ere explored for and produced.
- * Royalty Payments is designed to ensure that the federal government receives ite proper share of revenues from federal leeses throughout the country. Again, existing law and regulations contain provisions to accomplish this purpose.

Conclusion: In my opinion, this bill is more rhetorical than real. Neither it nor the Republican elternative has much chance of being enacted.

There seems to be a consensus on the need to enact legislation to restrict petroleum speculation, but the consensus ends there. In the meantime, there is a bipartisan group seeking to draft a more meaningful energy policy that could attract enough votes to be enacted.

John W. Ketz

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end Special Counsel to the Governor

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From:

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Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2008 6:26 AM

To: Subject: Morgan; Katryn L (GOV)
Fw: House Democrats/Energy Bill

Pls print for me for press conf today

---- Original Message -----

From: John Katz <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Banks, Kevin R (ONR); Perry, Kristine Y (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne O (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Irwin, Tom E (ONR); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Gelvin, Patrick S (DOR)

Sent: Thu Jul 17 05:58:12 2008

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From:

gov.palin@yahoo.com

Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2008 1:41 PM

To:

Todd; Ruero; Randall P (GOV)

Subject:

Fw: letters re: Public Safety

Importance: High

Here's ideas for sharon too: (excellent pts in his letter about Walt's actions):

From: frank bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 13:57:12 -0700 (PDT)

To: Philly<philly@xmission.com>
Subject: Re: letters re: Public Safety

Buddy you are just awesome.

Thanks for always being willing to speak up in these situations.

Thanks so much Phil!!

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-- On Thu, 7/17/08, Philly <philly@xmission.com> wrote:

From: Philly <philly@xmission.com>

Subject: Re: letters re: Public Safety

To: ivyfrye@yahoo.com, "Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2008, 8:18 AM

lνy,

I am sending this in momentarily.

One important job for governor is the appointment of a cabinet. Surrounding yourself with good people with a common vision isn't always easy. The Governor's Decision to appoint Commissioner Kopp is the right decision and it's her decision. No one likes to get fired or do the firing, I'm certain that it would have been much easier to stick with what's been "working," or stick with the status quo. In all of this, Commissioner Monegan was given a raspectful alternative. He chose to get publically upset.

It takes a smart leader to understand and communicata a common vision for Alaska. It takes a tough leader to act on that vision. Governor Palin also keenly understands that inaction rerely leads to growth or improvement. Sha is trying to make our government more transparent and efficient by taking some action.

Those who call for an 'explanation" to this change ought to know that discussing parsonnel decisions can unnecessarily compromise laws and reputations.

I imagina it would have been much aasier for the Governor to work within astablished burocratic norms by retaining Commissioner Monegan. I look forward to a leaner and stronger public safety sector under new direction. To a man who came up from the ranks, good luck in your new position Commissioner Kopp.

Phil Schneider

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 1:41 PM

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From: "Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 07:53:50 -0800

To: Katz, John W (GOV)<iwkatz@alaskadc.org>; <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Fw: Committee List release

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To: Omear, Jodi <IOmear@NGA.ORG>; Rohanna, Douglas <drohanna@state.pa.us>; Jeanine L'Ecuyer <JLecuyer@az.gov>; Gibbs, Jason <Jason.Gibbs@state.vt.us>; Teilhet, Heather <HTeilhet@gov.state.ga.us>; Corcoran, Nicole [GO] <Nicole.Corcoran@ks.gov>; Bundy, Seth [GO] <Seth.Bundy@ks.gov>; Brian McClung <Brian.Mcclung@state.mn.us>; Sherri Johnson <Sherri.Johnson@ncmail.net>; dcanton@nd.gov

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<Delacey.Skinner@governor.virginia.gov>; Elizabeth Boyd <BoydE@michigan.gov>; christopher.cooper@ct.gov

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<dparkhurst@NGA.ORG>; Quam, David <DQuam@NGA.ORG>

Sent: Thu Jul 17 06:37:39 2008 Subject: RE: Committee List release

And it would have helped to give you a copy of that release. Enjoy.

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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:27 AM

To: 'Rohanna, Douglas'; 'Jeanine L'Ecuyer'; Gibbs, Jason; 'Teilhet, Heather'; 'Corcoran, Nicole [GO]'; 'Bundy, Seth [GO]';

'Brian McClung'; 'Sherri Johnson'; 'dcanton@nd.gov'; 'Lisa Roskelley'; 'deborah.howlett@gov.state.nj.us';

Mitch.Krebs@state.sd.us; 'jennifer.hein@nebraska.gov'; 'Skinner, Delacey'; Elizabeth Boyd; 'christopher.cooper@ct.gov';

'rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov'; 'mary.leschper@gov.state.ak.us'; 'Elliott, Sarah'

Cc: Peyser@BlankRome.com; martin-c@blankrome.com; 'Brian de Vallance'; 'bswann@gov.state.ga.us'; 'Jason Rohloff'; 'Jim McCleskey'; 'kristacarman@mac.com'; 'Clyde Henderson'; 'alfonso.lopez@governor.virginia.gov'; Genna Gent; 'Williams, Julie'; 'bshanks@alaskadc.org'; 'adam.nordstrom@cch-llc.com'; nashdown@utah.gov; Jim.Soyer@state.sd.us; 'lhill@pro.state.ne.us'; 'brnelson@mt.gov'; 'rspendlove@utah.gov'; Salo, Matt; Nellenbach, Michele; Wodiska, Joan;

Parkhurst, David; Quam, David Subject: Committee List release

All-

1 wanted to give everyone a head's up that NGA plans to issue a release announcing the new committee leadership today at 2 p.m. EDT. Your governor's name is listed so it is possible you may get press calls on this.

Please feel free to let David Quam or me know if you have any questions.

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From:

Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE

GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KYPERRY]

Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2008 5:50 AM

To: Subject: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com' Re: Military and dps

Will do.

---- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Thu Jul 17 05:04:28 2008

Subject: Military and dps

Would you check w Comm dept today to see if they do this presser? Rosanne would probably enjoy such a thing bc it's military-related:

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 13:01:17 +0000

To: Randy Ruaro<randall_ruaro@alaska.gov>

CC: Sharon Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; Rosanne Hughes<rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>; M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Congressman Hall anwr

You know, that's aomething Kopp could come right out of the shoot with, even in a presser: filling the long-vacant positiona w efforts to recruit our returning military personnel. Lots of these soldiers don't know what to do next as their deployments conclude... we may need them. Pls mention this to him, that we need very vocal and visual DPS initiatives rolled out for Alaskans so they'll know the purpose in all this transition is for action in serving the public.

Rolling out such a promise, Sharon and Rosanne could help because we got a good supportive statement from Col. Holloway re: Kopp and "moving forward"... we could incorporate that statement with any from Gen. Campbell also. (So not just Natl Guard, but military in general.)

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 12:54:30 +0000

To: Randy Ruaro<randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Congressman Hall anwr

Great. And hopefully I'll see you today in between our events and issues. Great for you to work w Kopp on natl guardsmen/women and those local bootlegging laws. Thank you

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From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 04:53:21 -0800

To: ExternalEmailgsp<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Congressman Hall anwr

Thanks Governor. It's an interesting approach that I like. Plus, we don't even need the whole 19 million acre reserve, just 2,000 acres where the oil is and enough to get it out of the reserve. Amazing that democrats in Congress will call for steps like not adding small amounts of oil to the strategic reserve and tout that as helpful to the energy crisis but then complain the million barrels a day in oil and trillions of cubic feet of natural gas in ANWR isn't enough to help the nation.

I'll be in Anchorage today and tomorrow meeting with Chuck Kopp to discuss steps we can take on crime in rural Alaska and improving recruiting etc. There are several things Walt didn't really seem to work hard on or want to do, like recruiting from returning National Guard and military, or finding ways to improve our local option laws and cracking down on bootlegging that could be helpful. I will pass these ideas on to Chuck and mention the recruiting ideas to Joe Schmidt for DOC to consider.

Randy

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thu 7/17/2008 4:37 AM

To: Ruaro, Randall P (GDV)

Cc: Frank Bailey

Subject: Fw: Congressman Hall anwr

Just fyi, another anwr idea we support:

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Subject: Fw: Congressman Hall anwr

Fyi- congressman hall from texaa ia introducing a bill that would transfer ownership of ANWR from the feds to the state. I'm on record supporting the idea and hia bill. It may be an interesting subject for alaskans to hear about. I've promised expedited development if the transfer were ever to take place.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 08:15:24 -0400

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Subject: Re: Congressman Hall/Chapter 2 -- CONFIDENTIAL/ATTORNEY CLIENTPRIVILEGE

I got a nice thank you from Congressman Hall's staffer. = So, I don't think we need to do anything further at the moment. =

For your information, pasted below is a statement from the House = Republican Leader concerning NPR-A. I think he's right-on.

Blunt: BLM Decision on NPR-A Good News = for Americans, Bad News for Democrats Who Tried to Block Leases in = '07

WASHINGTON - House Republican = Whip Roy Blunt (Mo.) issued the following statement today applauding news = from the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) indicating = the agency will soon be conducting a lease sale in the northeast corner of = the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A), with an eye on developing = oil and natural gas resources for the American people:

"Today's announcement from BLM = should serve to remind Democratic leaders that NPR-A is already open for = energy production, is already in the process of being leased for energy = development, and has otherwise been explored for more than a generation. = But similar to how Democrats brought forth their 'Use It or Lose It' bill = without knowing it was already the law of the land, today we're reminded = that the majority's efforts to 'unlock' NPR-A are about as necessary as = passing a bill ordering the sun to rise.

"Still, today's = announcement is good news for the American people - and bad news for = Democratic leaders who worked furiously to prevent these lease sales from = going forward in their 'Six for '06' energy bill. Obviously, though, much = more will need to be done if we have any expectation of delivering = affordable energy to the American people. Unfortunately, very little = happening this week in Washington will get us any closer to that important = goal - and some things, such as the effort to deny a natural gas terminal = to the residents of Massachusetts, will actually take us much further = away."

NOTE: Attached please find the = statement on NPR-A issued this afternoon by the Bureau of Land Management.<= o:p>

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>>> On 7/16/2008 at 6:14 PM, in message = <293685098-1216246542-cardhu_decombobulator_blackberry.rim.net-171333376= 6-@bxe184.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> = wrote:

I agree with your added = statement re: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Privilegeo = Pls forward your comments to Hall's office. (Don't know when I'll have = time to call him, so maybe voicing our support in the manner you've = suggested will suffice.)

Sent from my BlackBerry-AE device from Cellular One

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Wed, = 16 Jul 2008 13:06:20 -0400

To: Sarah Palin<gov.sarah@yahoo.com= >

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If= you =3D do decide to submit a statement, we could add a sentence at = the e=3D nd of the previous draft along the lines of \sim

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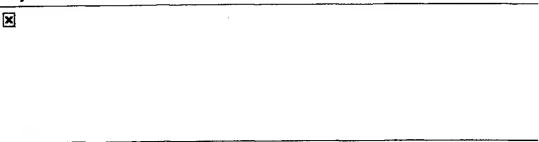
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